

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA, CHANDIGARH.

CWP No. 18541 of 2007

Date of decision: 10.12.2007

Satpal Bhardwaj

....Petitioner.

vs.

State of Punjab and another

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE J.S.KHEHAR.
HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SHAM SUNDER.

Present: Mr.J.S.Maani pur, Advocate, for the petitioner.

J.S.KHEHAR,J. (Oral)

Through the instant writ petition the petitioner has impugned the disparity in the fixation of his pay by asserting that when the petitioner was promoted as Superintendent Grade-I, he was granted less pay than one of his juniors in the same cadre. In order to claim step up of pay so as to bring the same at par with his junior, the petitioner is stated to have issued a legal notice dated 30.8.2007 (Annexure P6). It is however, pointed out that no decision has been taken thereon till date.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner will be satisfied if the instant writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 i.e. the Director, Department of Industries and Commerce, Punjab, requiring him to take a final decision on the legal notice dated 30.8.2007 (Annexure P6).

In view of the above, without going into the merit of the claim raised by the petitioner, we consider it just and appropriate to dispose of the instant writ petition with a direction to respondent No.2 i.e. the Director, Department of Industries and Commerce, Punjab, requiring him to take a final decision on the legal notice dated 30.8.2007 (Annexure P6) by passing a well reasoned speaking order within two months from the date of receipt

of a certified copy of this order. In case the petitioner is found entitled to any monetary benefits, the same shall be calculated and released to the petitioner within a further period of one month. It is, however, clarified that the petitioner will be entitled to arrears limited to three years and two months prior to the date of filing of the instant writ petition. It is also clarified that the instant writ petition came to be filed on 6.12.2007.

Disposed of accordingly.

Order Dasti on payment of usual charges.

(J.S.Khehar)
Judge

(Sham Sunder)
Judge

December 10, 2007

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